

## NO SMELL, MAYOR TELLS RICHMOND

**Garbage Plant To Be Odorless—People Have False Notions, He Says.**

## NO SNAP JUDGMENT IN GIVING CONTRACT

**Present Disposal Concern Gave Mistaken Impressions, Mr. Mitchel Asserts in Letter.**

**Mayer Mitchel declared yesterday that false notions concerning the garbage disposal plant to be erected on Staten Island were put into the minds of the people of that borough; that the plant would be odorless and ineffective and that there had been no snap judgment on the part of the Board of Estimate in letting the contract. The Mayor's statements were made in a letter to Nathan A. Smyth, a lawyer living at Dongan Hills. Mr. Smyth wrote the Mayor, objecting to the idea that the residents of the island were not interested over the matter and complaining that they had not been granted a public hearing on the subject.**

The Mayor has invited Mr. Smyth and other prominent citizens of Staten Island to meet him at the City Hall today and talk matters over. The appointment is irrespective of any organized delegation which may intend to call at the City Hall to protest.

**Staten Island Unduly Alarmed.**

"I believe the people of Staten Island are unduly alarmed over this situation," the Mayor wrote. "If I had thought for one moment that the erection of this plant would create a nuisance I would not have voted for the award of the contract or the erection of the plant, either in the Borough of Richmond or elsewhere in the city of New York."

"The genuine and popular feeling against the establishment of the plant, springing from the mistaken belief that the plant will prove a nuisance, was in the first instance fomented in the interests of the owners of the present plant, who in and out of court have done all in their power to prevent the award of the contract to a new bidder.

Notions concerning the new plant which are mistaken and false were put into the minds of the people of Richmond."

**Will Not Be Nuisance.**

The Mayor said that the proposed plant would not menace the health or create a nuisance for the people residing on Staten Island.

Referring to the two forms of contracts presented to the Board of Estimate some months ago, the Mayor said that the Aldermen's contract had been the choice of the Board of Estimate, but had been turned down by the Board of Aldermen. The only course left, the Mayor declared, was to approve the award for the Staten Island contract.

"There was no snap judgment taken in this matter," the Mayor wrote. "For I—and I believe every other member of the Board of Estimate—was careful of the terms and conditions of this contract during the period when no public action could be taken, because of a series of injunctions that had tied the hands of the board since the opening of bids."

**Public Hearing Impossible.**

Referring to the failure to grant a public hearing on the matter, the Mayor said: "Every one knew that the Board of Estimate acceded to the request for a public hearing after the dissolution of the existing injunctions such hearing would serve only as a means of permitting the vice of a public hearing. Moreover, the matter had been argued and reargued in court, and every fact which could be adduced at a hearing before the Board of Estimate had already been presented in the legal proceedings and had been before the members of the board for some time. Delay meant the loss to the city of the opportunity of securing an infinitely more favorable contract and the establishment of a satisfactory and inexpensive plant."

**To Eliminate All Odors.**

The Mayor pointed out that the contractors would install the Culligan system on the new plant, which had been shown to eliminate all the disagreeable features of similar plants at New Bedford, Mass., and at Los Angeles. The Mayor declared also that there would be no odors or gases from the garbage in transit from the city dump to the plant, as the Street Cleaning Commissioner had received ample authority under the terms of the contract to compel the contractor to use such devices for the transportation of garbage as to make it entirely inoffensive.

The Mayor called attention to the fact that Borough President Van Name of Richmond was a member of the committee of street cleaning of the Board of Estimate, and as such signed the report recommending the plan of the garbage contract and specifications which had been adopted, which left Staten Island open as a site for the plant.

"Please remember," the Mayor concluded, "that the plant will be located at a considerable distance from any existing residences or development; in a district remote and isolated, where factories and plants are now located."

**Sale Near Lotos Club.**

Through Manning & Trunk contracts were signed yesterday for the sale of 108 West 57th st., a four-story dwelling, 100 feet, adjoining on the east the Club. The purchasers, L. & L. Shub, dealers in art, will, after extensive alterations, occupy the two lower floors for their business and rearrange the upper floors for apartments and artists' studios.

## AFTER-CARE

We care an awful lot about the cured baby after it reaches home—and we prove it by sending our Visiting Nurse to see that the temperature of the room is right, that the milk is not sour and that those tidy clothes are not used.

**THE BABIES' HOSPITAL**  
5th St. at Lexington Ave.

Hochscher & de Saules have sold for James D. Fout, of Rye, N. Y., a parcel of about two acres on Hilltop Place, near Highland Road, Rye, to Seavy Battelle. Mr. Battelle will build a residence.

## THE WEATHER REPORT Last Twenty-four Hours.

Washington, April 18.—The atmosphere that was over New England Monday night is now off the Maine coast and moving eastward. It has been attended by rains in New England and New York and strong west winds on the middle Atlantic and New England coast. Another disturbance of widespread influence was central Tuesday night, one of the most intense known to meteorologists. It has already passed over western New England, with light rain showers in the lower Ohio river, Muskingum and Monongahela valleys and the far Northwest.

Temperatures have fallen considerably over the Rocky Mountain and plateau regions and the same is true in interior districts east of the Rocky Mountains.

The indications are that the weather will be unsettled, with probably showers Wednesday and Thursday in the region of the Great Lakes and the Ohio River Valley. In the middle Atlantic and New England districts, however, weather Wednesday will be toward a modified weather Wednesday and Thursday.

The temperatures will rise Wednesday to the 60's in the lower lake region and the north Atlantic coast and in cold air masses moving generally eastward, becoming fresh northeast on Lake Erie.

Forecasts for Special Localities—Eastern New York, Eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, fair and warmer today, to increase, increasing cloudiness, possibly followed by showers.

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Local Official Record.—The following official record from the Weather Bureau shows the changes in the temperature for the last twenty-four hours, in comparison with the corresponding date of last year.

1915 1916  
8 a.m. 60° 6 p.m. 61°  
8 a.m. 58° 6 p.m. 63°  
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Eldest temperature yesterday, 53 degrees, at 2 p.m. Eldest temperature last year, 51 degrees, for corresponding date of last year.

Barometer Readings.

8 a.m. 29.50 1 p.m. 29.72 8 p.m. 29.81  
Humboldt.

8 a.m. 67° 1 p.m. 69° 8 p.m. 69°

Local Forecast—Fair and somewhat warmer today, increasing cloudiness, probably followed by showers, to moderate, fresh northeast winds.

**ARMY AND NAVY ORDERS: MOVEMENTS OF WARSHIPS**

(From The Tribune Bureau.)  
Washington, April 18.

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